

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Junichi HAYASHI ) : Examiner: Randal D. Moran  
Application No.: 10/686,579 ) : Group Art Unit: 2135  
Filed: October 17, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 8939  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS, )  
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE )  
STORAGE MEDIUM ) : October 24, 2007

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: